

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (Original) A computer-implemented method, comprising:
 2 aggregating a plurality of buyers for purchasing at least one telecommunication
 3 service as a group;
 4 generating a request for purchasing the at least one telecommunication service;
 5 presenting the request to a plurality of providers of telecommunication services;
 6 receiving replies from the providers in response to the request;
 7 presenting the replies to at least one of the buyers in the group;
 8 receiving a selection from the at least one buyer in response to the replies; and
 9 notifying a provider of the selection.

1 2x (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating a request includes:
 2 compiling the request from information received from the group during the
 3 aggregating step.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the compiling includes:
2 obtaining contact information for the group,
3 obtaining a name for the group, and
4 assigning an initial password to the group.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the compiling includes:
2 identifying each of the buyers in the group.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating a request includes:
B identifying billing preferences for the at least one telecommunication service.

1 6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating a request includes:
2 obtaining information regarding prior use of telecommunication services of the
3 group, the information regarding the prior use being included in the request.

1 6 X. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating a request includes:
2 compiling a list of providers to receive the request; and
3 wherein the presenting the request includes:
4 granting access to the request to only the providers on the list.

1 7 X (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating a request includes:
2 compiling a list of providers to receive the request; and
3 wherein the presenting the request includes:
4 transmitting the request to only the providers on the list.

1 8 X (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating a request includes:
2 qualifying the group to verify an identity of at least one of the buyers; and
3 wherein the presenting the request includes:
4 distributing the request to the providers only when the group is qualified.

1 B 1 9 X (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 presenting, to the group, contractual terms and conditions for providing the at least
3 one telecommunication service from the notified provider; and
4 receiving an acceptance of the terms and conditions from the group.

1 10 X. (Original) A system for purchasing telecommunication services, comprising:
2 means for aggregating a plurality of buyers for purchasing at least one
3 telecommunication service as a group;
4 means for generating a request for purchasing the at least one telecommunication
5 service;
6 means for presenting the request to a plurality of sellers of telecommunication
7 services;
8 means for receiving replies from the sellers in response to the request;
9 B1 means for presenting the replies to at least one of the buyers in the group;
10 means for receiving a selection from the at least one buyer in response to the replies;
11 and
12 means for notifying a seller of the selection.

1 ¹¹~~10~~. (Original) A system for purchasing telecommunication services in a network
 2 connecting buyers and sellers of telecommunication services, the system comprising:
 3 a memory that stores data; and
 4 a processor, connected to the memory, that aggregates a plurality of the buyers for
 5 purchasing at least one telecommunication service as a group, generates a request for purchasing the
 6 at least one telecommunication service, presents the request to a plurality of the sellers, receives
 7 replies from the sellers in response to the request, presents the replies to the group, receives a
 8 selection from the group in response to the replies, and notifies a seller of the selection.

1 ¹²~~11~~. (Original) The system of claim ¹¹~~10~~, wherein when generating the request, the
 2 processor is associated with aggregating the buyers.

B 1 ¹³~~12~~. (Original) The system of claim ¹²~~11~~, wherein when compiling the request, the
 2 processor is further configured to obtain contact information from the group, to obtain a buyer
 3 name for the group, and to assign an initial password to the group.

1 ¹⁴~~13~~. (Original) The system of claim ¹²~~11~~, wherein when compiling the request, the
 2 processor is further configured to identify each of the buyers in the group.

1 ¹⁵~~14~~. (Original) The system of claim ¹¹~~10~~, wherein when generating the request, the
 2 processor is further configured to identify billing preferences for the at least one telecommunication
 3 service.

1 ~~16~~ (Original) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein when generating the request, the
 2 processor is further configured to obtain information regarding prior use of telecommunication
 3 services of the group.

1 ~~17~~ (Original) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein when generating the request, the
 2 processor is further configured to compile a list of sellers to receive the request, and when
 3 presenting the request, the processor is further configured to grant access to the request to only the
 4 sellers on the list.

1 ~~18~~ (Original) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein when generating the request, the
 2 processor is further configured to compile a list of sellers to receive the request, and when
 3 presenting the request, the processor is further configured to distribute the request to only the sellers
 4 on the list.

1 ~~19~~ (Original) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein when generating the request, the
 2 processor is further configured to verify an identity of the group, and when presenting the request,
 3 the processor is further configured to present the request to the sellers only when the identity is
 4 verified.

1 ~~20~~ (Original) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein the processor is further configured to
 2 present contractual terms and conditions, to the group, for providing the at least one
 3 telecommunication service from the notified seller, and to receive an acceptance of the terms and
 4 conditions from the group.

1 ²¹~~26~~ (Original) A computer-readable medium configured to store instructions that cause a
2 computer to perform the steps of:
3 aggregating a plurality of buyers for purchasing at least one telecommunication
4 service as a group;
5 generating a request for purchasing the at least one telecommunication service;
6 presenting the request to a plurality of providers of telecommunication services;
7 receiving replies from the providers in response to the request;
8 presenting the replies to at least one of the buyers in the group;
9 ^B receiving a selection from the at least one buyer in response to the replies; and
10 notifying a provider of the selection.

1 \ ~~25~~. (New) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

2 aggregating a plurality of buyers for purchasing at least one telecommunication

3 service as a group;

4 obtaining information regarding prior use of the at least one telecommunication

5 service by at least one of the plurality of buyers;

6 generating a request for purchasing the at least one telecommunication service, the

7 request including the information regarding the prior use;

8 presenting the request to a plurality of providers of telecommunication services;

9 receiving replies from the providers in response to the request;

10 presenting the replies to at least one of the buyers in the group;

11 receiving a selection from the at least one buyer in response to the replies; and

12 notifying a provider of the selection.
